There has been some slippage in the execution of the projects of NFL.MFL, and FACT mentioned above largely on account of delayed equipment supplies. This has impacted on the pace of utilization of the allocated resources.

A system of periodical reviews and close monitoring of the projects under implementation and those on the anvil has been instituted to minimise the possibility of time over run and assume optimal utilization of the allocated resources.

Status of Gorakhpur Fertilizer unit.

4453. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gorakhpur unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India is not working for a long time, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken to restart the plant as per the assurance given by Hon'ble Prime Minister; and

(c) the financial loss suffered till date, due to closure of the unit, alongwith the annual expenditure being incurred on the unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHIEES RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The Gorakhpur unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) has been shut down since 10.6.90 following an accident in the plant, The revamp of the Gorakhpur unit was not found to be techno-cconomically viable. However, KRIBHCO evinced an interest in taking-over the infrastructure of FCI at Gorakhpur for setting up a new standard sized ammonia /urea plant and has, accordingly initiated steps for obtaining the requisite approvals.

(c) The Gorakhpur unit has suffered a net loss of Rs. 465.99 crore during the period 1990-91 to 1996-97. An annual expenditure of Rs. 18.74 crore is being incurred towards salary, wages and standing charges of the unit.

Agreement between HFCL and HLL regarding handling of ammonia

4454. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an agreement between Hindustan Fertilzer Corporation Limited (HFCL) and Hindustan Liver Limited (HLL) for handling of ammonia from Atmospheric Ammonia Storage Tank of Haldia Fertilizer Project;

(b) whether the agreement had been signed in 1986 and renewed from time to time;

(c) the handling charge per tonne as per the first agreement charged by HFCL from HLL and the handling charge per tonne as on date; and

(d) whether a provision for rebate was included in the last agreement; if so, the reasons therefor?